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TOPIC Eriksen Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. Between 19 and 26 April 1954, there was little air activity by individual aircraft at Eriksen Airfield. About 7 p.m. on 21 April, 5 MiG-15 or U-MiG-15s individually took off at intervals of 5 minutes and headed west. Their return was not observed on the same day. About 9 p.m. on 22 April, 5 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s approached from the west and landed at the field. Up to 16 May, air activity was observed only 4, 5 and 6 May. During the latter 2 days, air activity was particularly intensive. There was a 9/10 overcast at an altitude of about 1,000 meters. The aircraft practiced diving through the clouds at a rate in the western section of the field. The angle of dive was about 60 degrees. At an altitude of 300 to 400 meters above the ground, the aircraft again were at level flight. The number of MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s parked at the field varied between 21 and 30, including 4 or 5 alert MiG-15s.

sleeve target. Occasionally, 2 high-wing monoplanes were seen at the field. On 5 and 6 May, 2 Il-2s were observed at the field. At 7 a.m. on 6 May, the 5 alert aircraft took off and departed. At 8:15 a.m. on 9 May, 15 MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s left the field. Source assumed that the other aircraft had departed in the meantime as no MiG-15s or U-MiG-15s have been observed at the field beginning at 8:25 a.m. on 9 May. At the same date, however, no change was observed on the radio and radar installations nor was the occupation of the quartering buildings changed. AA guns were parked outside of the AA gun emplacement north of the runway.

2. During the second half of April, the aircraft weapons of MiG-15s and U-MiG-15s were being zeroed in on the firing range. The aircraft individually taxied on the runway to the firing range. There the engine was stopped and each aircraft fired 6 rounds at intervals of 3 or 4 seconds and at a distance of about 200 meters from the target. The zeroing-in of each aircraft took about 15 minutes. During the zeroing-in of one aircraft, source observed that 10 to 12 shots were fired from the aircraft cannon, some of the shots were fired in rapid succession and some at an interval of 10 to 15 minutes. Upon completion of the activity, the individual aircraft once circled widely over the field for about 15 minutes. At the beginning of May, the zeroing-in of aircraft machine guns was conducted at the firing range.
3. On 27 April, when no air activity was under way, a lieutenant colonel, a sergeant and about 40 air force soldiers conducted firing practices on the auxiliary firing range south of the cantonment between noon and 4 p.m. Each man gave about 10 rounds of rapid fire at targets 200 meters away.

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4. Radio and radar installations observed east of the field in the extension of the runway included a radio installation with one mast and a wooden cabin about 600 meters east of the runway end; a PKV-45 DF station consisting of 4 masts with a hut in the middle and a 5th mast projecting from the cabin, located about 1,600 meters east of the runway end; radio truck [ ] with a radar antenna, possibly a Kniferest-type antenna, on the roof, located about 2,400 meters from the end of the runway; another PKV-45 DF station located 5 to 6 km east of the runway end.<sup>1</sup>

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5. Vehicular traffic at the field involved trucks [ ] and sedan [ ]

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6. About 8 a.m. on 7 May, a motor vehicle column of about 30 trucks, including about 8 trucks towing artillery pieces, was observed passing through Brand railroad station coming from the direction of Briesen airfield.<sup>3</sup>

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7. [ ] on 9 May, a train of 46 cars, shipped [ ] passed through Brand en route to Klaus.<sup>1</sup>

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8. Comment. Prior to 8 May 1954, Briesen airfield had been occupied by a fighter regiment. [ ]

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[ ] The radio and radar installations observed on 9 May are the previously reported 2 landing beacons, 1 PKV-45 DF station, 1 Kniferest-type set, and 1 Fishnet-type set. The second PKV-45 DF station is reported for the first time. [ ]

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[ ] a transfer to Altenburg has started. The fighter regiment which was previously stationed in Altenburg transferred to Doeberitz between 11 and 17 May 1954. [ ]

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2. Comment. [ ] previously been observed in Briesen.

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3. Comment. Probably an AA shipment which, on 8 May 1954 moved from Briesen Neubukow for firing practices with live ammunition.

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